

STATE BOARD MEETING DATE January 28, 2013

SUBJECT: Consideration of Complaint for Dean D. Desaulniers, Case No. C-2012-043

SUBMITTED BY: Charles Easaw, Chief Investigator, Investigative Unit, State Board of Education

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: January 10, 2013

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Dean D. Desaulniers holds a Standard Elementary Education K-8 certificate valid January 26, 2009 through December 27, 2015.

On July 7, 2011, the Investigative Unit for the State Board of Education ("Board") received a report of unprofessional conduct from the Dysart Unified School District ("District"), on the part of Dean D. Desaulniers. The District reported that Mr. Desaulniers had been arrested by the Surprise Police Department for theft and trafficking of school property.

During its investigation, the Investigative Unit learned that Mr. Desaulniers stole District property and sold the property at EZ Money Pawn on three separate occasions. More specifically, Mr. Desaulniers stole and sold two District-owned projectors and one District-owned desktop computer. Combined, the property was valued at approximately \$2845.25.

On February 29, 2012, Mr. Desaulniers pled guilty to two separate class 6 felony counts of theft in the Superior Court of Arizona for Maricopa County. Subsequently, Mr. Desaulniers was sentenced to two years of supervised probation and ordered to pay court fees and to pay restitution.

On September 7, 2012, the Investigative Unit attempted service of the complaint by certified mail. The delivery confirmation record shows that "Dean Desaulniers" claimed the complaint on September 13, 2012. In addition, the Investigative Unit was unsuccessful in its attempts to reach Mr. Desaulniers at his last known telephone number of record; to wit, Mr. Desaulniers was not present and did not participate in the hearing.

On November 13, 2012, the Professional Practices Advisory Committee ("PPAC") held a hearing on the complaint and found that Mr. Desaulniers acted in an unprofessional manner by engaging in conduct which would discredit the teaching profession. The PPAC recommended revocation of Dean D. Desaulniers' certification by a vote of 5 to 0.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [] INFORMATION [X] ACTION/DESCRIBED BELOW:

That the Board **accepts** the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and the recommendation of the PPAC to **revoke all certificates held by Dean D. Desaulniers**, and that all states and territories be so notified.

ATTACHMENTS: YES [X] NO []